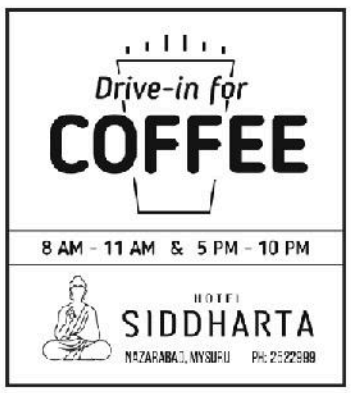

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Indefinite Strike by Truckers' Association

5,000 lorries stay away from roads in Mysuru

Bengaluru / Mysuru, Apr. 15 (RK&BS)- Lorry operators across the State have launched an indefinite strike from midnight yesterday, protesting the hike in diesel prices, increased toll charges and continued harassment by Regional Transport Officers (RTOs), while also pressing for the fulfilment of various other demands.

An estimated six lakh lorries are off the roads across Karnataka following the strike call given by Federation of Karnataka State Lorry Owners and Agents Association. In Mysuru alone, about 5,000 lorries have suspended operations, along with 4,000 lorries in Chamarajanagar.

Led by Mysuru District Lorry Owners Association President B. Kodandaram and Abdul Khader Shahid, lorry operators staged a protest this morning at the Association's office premises near the foothill of Chamundi Hill.

Following the strike, around 400 lorries have been parked at Mysore New Goods Terminal (MNGT) in Metagalli, with transport operators refusing to load or unload goods from trains arriving from various destinations.

Mysuru District Lorry Owners Association staging a symbolic protest in city this morning.

The impact of the strike is expected to be felt from today, with likely disruptions in the supply of vegetables and fruits, operation of airport and tourist taxis, sand and jellystone transport, delivery of essential commodities to depots, LPG cylinders and fuel supply at petrol stations.

To intensify the protest, lorry operators have also resolved to block inter-State lorries from entering Karnataka. Kodandaram asserted that the strike will continue until the Government responds to their concerns and rolls back the diesel price hike.

With no resolution in sight yet, businesses and consumers across Karnataka are bracing for potential shortages and price hikes as transport gridlock continues. The State Government has not yet issued any official response to the escalating crisis.

HOCUS-POCUS

*Please turn to Page-6 for K.B. Ganapathy's column **Hocus-Pocus**. —Ed*

To Our Readers

Mysuru Mithra, the Kannada morning regional daily and sister publication of ***Star of Mysore,*** covering five districts — Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu — will be completing 45 years of publication and entering 46th year tomorrow (16.4.2025).

On this occasion, a 48-page special issue of ***Mysuru Mithra*** will be brought out tomorrow. Don't miss your copy. **—Ed**

ADGP Pronab Mohanty reviews Mysuru District Cybercrime Unit

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (RK&BCT)- Senior IPS Officer and Additional Director General of Police (Cyber Economics and Narcotics - CEN) Pronab Mohanty inspected the CEN Police Station near Mysuru SP's Office yesterday.

The visit focused on enhancing cybercrime investigation capabilities and ensuring justice for victims. During his comprehensive review, ADGP Mohanty assessed the Station's operations and provided crucial guidance on combating increasingly sophisticated cybercrimes.

He emphasised strict adherence to Government Orders regarding online fraud cases while maintaining high investigation standards. The ADGP underscored the growing importance of specialised cybercrime units in tackling digital-age offences effectively.

(See ADGP on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 15th April 2025

Scientific Pranayama Camp

Mysuru, Apr. 15- Scientific Pranayama Foundation Trust (SPFT), Mysuru, will be conducting a one-month Scientific Pranayama Teaching and Practice Session from Apr. 21. Both online and offline options are available in the following batches:

Hybrid Session: 1 hr 15 min; Practice Session: 1 hr; Morning Batches: 5.30 am, 6 am, 6.30 am and 11.30 am; Evening Batches: 6 pm, 6.30 pm and 7 pm.

Weekend Classes from 6 am to 7.30 am: Scientific Pranayama camp for Hypertension and Anxiety individuals.

For more details and registration contact Mob: 93412-02292, 77029-28854 or 99001-50619, according to Psychologist, Scientific Pranayama Practitioner and Trust Founder-President Dr. Devaki Madhav.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

EMBRACING SELF-CARE: ***Your well-being matters and when you take time to nurture yourself, you foster a life of vibrancy, balance and joy — one that radiates outward, positively impacting everything and everyone in your life.***

The urban clamour; media and marketing propagates self-care as a new mantra, a new priority, pointing towards 'detoxing,' pampering ourselves with spa days or indulging in shopping sprees. Thus, we forget that self care is about tending to our deepest needs, a way to honour what we require and when, to reclaim our peace of mind.

My father tends to plants with such patience, warmth and care that to a bystander it might seem like he is deep in conversation with them. Even though he gets tired, he feels rejuvenated, satisfied and at balance with himself after these escapades.

During a particularly sorrowful time, my mother-in-law took to painting as a way to let go of her grief. She was able to etch her pain in paper, in wood, in whatever medium she could find to slowly regain her perspective.

Although it takes a lot of time and effort, I feel particularly happy and restored when I've fed my family a good healthy meal. It calms my mind, makes me smile inwardly and helps me regain my equilibrium and purpose when everything around me seems chaotic. I also know people who go to great lengths to maintain their physical fitness as they see physical fitness and beauty as a way to emotional wellness and mental poise.

The heart of the matter is, self-care is just as individualistic as we are. To some it might look like taking a nap, eating nourishing food, sharing vulnerabilities, or stepping away from social media. To others it could look like curling up with a good book, allowing oneself a moment of stillness; meditation, journalling, visiting the spa or simply breathing deeply in the middle of a chaotic day.

Self-care isn't a destination or a one-off thing, it's a lifelong connection. And only you get to decide what makes you feel good and restored. Ignore the cacophony of sounds dictating to you how you must prioritise yourself or what self-care should look like. Follow your heart. It knows that you and you are a relationship that nurtures every other relationship in your life. *—Aditi Pant in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

'Hair Dryer' as reward for player of the match

Karachi: Karachi Kings started their Pakistan Super League 2025 campaign with a win over Multan Sultans at National Stadium on Saturday. England batter James Vince scored a ton to help the Kings register the victory in their first game of the season.

James was named the Player of the Match for his performance. His fiery knock included 14 fours and 4 sixes. He also bagged 'Most Reliable Player of the Match' award in Karachi Kings' dressing room. The award was a hair dryer. As the franchise shared the video on social media, many mocked the choice of award.

"Next time give roti (chapati) maker," wrote a user. "Next game give lunch box," wrote another user. "Hair dryer is rare and expensive in Pakistan!" was also among comments.

'Toothpaste-like' battery can take any shape

Stockholm: Scientists in Sweden have invented a new "toothpaste-texture" type battery that can take any shape which could potentially change the way the next-generation wearable gadgets, medical devices and robots are developed.

Up until now, stretchable batters have relied on rare, environmentally damaging materials to function. A prototype built by the team can be recharged and discharged over 500 times and still maintain its performance. It can also be stretched to double the length and still work just as well.

Previous attempts to manufacture stretchable batteries have been based on developing rubbery composite materials that can be stretched out or connections that slide on each other.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Passing kidney stones can be quite painful, but the stones usually cause no permanent damage if they're recognized in a timely fashion.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T P - Consultant - Urology and Andrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

MCCI honours Shilpi Agarwal

K.B. Lingaraju** (extreme right), **President, Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) along with M.C. Bhansali, Managing Committee Member, MCCI, seen honouring Shilpi Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), South Western Railway, Mysuru Division, who has been recently transferred to New Delhi.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **101.77 feet**	Today's level **2,266.96 feet**	Today's level **2,832.46 feet**
Last year's level **83.35 feet**	Last year's level **2,262.76 feet**	Last year's level **2,826.06 feet**
Yesterday's level **102.18 feet**	Sunday's level **2,267.28 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,832.44 feet**
Today's Inflow **141 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **80 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **148 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,867 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **800 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **104 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***There are 40 different types of wild cats.***
- ***"Felidae" means "cat".***
- ***Amur (Siberian) Tigers are the biggest cat in the world.***
- ***House cats hate water, but wild cats actually like to swim and are quite good at it.***
- ***Lions can sleep up to 20 hours a day.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Lady in Theatre: *Pardon me, Sir, does my hat bother you?*

Gentleman behind: *No, but it bothers my wife. She wants one like it!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 85.73
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 113.10
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.33
1 Euro	= Rs. 97.15

VOICE OF THE READER

Growing Garbage Menace in Vijayanagar 4th Stage

A call for immediate action

Sir,

Vijayanagar 4th Stage in Mysuru, once known for its peaceful residential charm, and NPS School Road, a stroller's paradise, are now battling an alarming issue — unchecked garbage accumulation, dysfunctional street lights and vacant sites turned into forest-like land.

Piles of waste lying unattended across the locality have not only become an eyesore but pose a serious threat to public health, especially as summer sets in.

The scorching summer heat accelerates the decomposition of organic waste, releasing foul odours and attracting flies, rodents and stray animals. These conditions create the perfect breeding ground for several diseases.

Residents are fearing of health issues such as Dengue and Malaria, respiratory problems, etc. Children and the elderly are particularly vulnerable and many residents fear a major outbreak if timely steps are not taken.

The local municipal authorities have shown little urgency in addressing the problem. Garbage collection is irregular and there is a lack of proper waste segregation.

Some areas have no designated collection bins, pushing residents to dispose of garbage in open plots or street corners.

Moreover, there has been little to no awareness campaigns or strict enforcement of waste management regulations. Earlier I used to clean up my surrounding area but now the trash has blown out of my cleaning capacity.

The residents of Vijayanagar 4th Stage are calling for immediate intervention from the Mysuru City Corporation and relevant authorities. Clean surroundings are not just a matter of civic pride — they are essential to public health and quality of life. It's time the authorities wake up to this crisis before the garbage menace turns into a full-blown health disaster.

—Charitha Kariappa, on behalf of aggrieved residents
Vijayanagar 4th Stage
14.4.2025

Eyes of 12 people retrieved at

LIEB-MRC Eye Retrieval Centre

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (KS)- The Lions International Eye Bank (LIEB) - Mysore Race Club (MRC) Eye Retrieval Centre at Siddarthanagar in city has retrieved the eyes of 12 people, who passed away in the month of March 2025.

Expressing gratitude to the family members, who donated eyes of their loved ones, the LIEB-MRC Eye Retrieval Centre said that this will help the corneal blind individuals get vision and also expressed condolences to the grieving families.

For eye donation, contact Mob: 90357-55046, according to a press release.

BAI Mysore Centre fetes *Padma Shri*

Awardee Dr. Vijayalakshmi Deshamane

Chief guest Dr. Vijayalakshmi Deshamane, *Padma Shri* ***Awardee and retired Director of Kidwai, Bengaluru, who was felicitated by BAI Mysore Centre, seen with*** *(from left)* ***C.D. Krishna, Hon. Secretary, BAI Mysore Centre (2025-26), A.S. Yoganarasimha, Imm. Past Chairman, BAI Mysore Centre, Lalitha Srinath, V. Srinath, Chairman, BAI Mysore Centre (2025 -2026), N. Subramanya, State Chairman, BAI-Karnataka (Installing Officer) and K.R. Prabhakara Rao, Hon. Secretary, BAI Mysore Centre (2024-25).***

Mysuru, Apr. 15- The installation ceremony of the new team of Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, for the year 2025-26, was held recently at MBCT (Mysore Builders Charitable Trust) Auditorium in Vishweshwaranagar.

Sharanya rendered invocation. Outgoing Chairman A.S. Yoganarasimha welcomed. Outgoing Hon. Secretary K.R. Prabhakara Rao presented annual report for 2024-25.

N. Subramanya was installed as State Chairman of BAI-Karnataka for 2025-26 by K. Sriram, former National Vice-President of BAI.

Dr. Vijayalakshmi Deshamane, *Padma Shri* Awardee and retired Director of Kidwai, Bengaluru, who was the chief guest, was introduced by B.R. Badarinath, Past Chairman BAI Mysore and felicitated on the occasion.

Installing Officer N. Subramanya administered the oath of office to incoming BAI Mysore Centre Chairman V. Srinath and his team. Speaking on the occasion, Srinath emphasised the need to address the burning issues related to construction industry. He announced this year's theme as 'Think We, Not Me."

The list of new office-bearers and Executive Committee of BAI Mysore Centre is as follows:

Chairman: V. Srinath; Vice-Chairman: K.R. Prabhakara Rao; Hon. Secretary: C.D. Krishna; Hon. Treasurer: S. Vasudevan; Joint Secretary: S. Shashiraj; Imm. Past Chairman: A.S. Yoganarasimha.

Advisors: A.V. Sridhar and Ravindra Bhat; **GC Members:** K. Sriram, N.S. Muralidhara and N. Subramanya; Co-opted GC: U.M. Gurushanthappa, M.C. Mallikarjun and Nagaraj V. Bairy.

Executive Committee Members: Ashwin Pallegar, Bhargav V. Shinde, M.D. Chandrashekar, A. Dinesh, K.T. Govindaraju; V. Gurudatta, T.S. Gurudatt, K.L. Gururaj, K.S. Prakash, K.M. Raghunath, K.N. Ravishankar, Santhosh Mirle, C.S. Srikanth, S.H. Srinivas, M.V. Vinod Kumar.

Co-opted EC Members: G. Ashok, Mahabaleshwara Bairy, K. Sathish Mohana, Venkatesh Prasad, C. Vishwanath, Udai S. Kumar.

World Environment Month Committee Chairman: K.R. Prabhakara Rao; Hon. Secretary: Praveen Pal; Advisor: S. R. Swamy.

MYREALTY - 25 Chairman: K.C. Nandakumar; Hon. Secretary: Akshay Kumar (CREDAI); **Advisors:** N.S. Muralidhar and U.M. Gurushanthappa.

BUILDTECH - 25 Chairman: B.S. Chandrashekar Bharadwaj, Hon. Secretary: H.B. Ravi Ratnakar; Advisor: K. Subramanya Rao.

MYBUILD - 25 Chairman: R. Ramesh Rao, Hon. Secretary: N. Lokesh Gowda; Mentor: K. Sriram; Advisors: M.C. Mallikarjun and Nagaraj V. Bairy.

Mysore Shilpi Editorial Team: V. Mohan Kumar and Lalitha Mohan; **Shilpi Co-ordinators:** M.S. Balaji, M. Ghanshyam, Nikil P. Koundinya, K.S. Pavan and P. Pranav.

Membership Committee: B. S. Dinesh, R. Raghunath.

Programme Committee: H. Ashwath Narayan, C.U. Diwakar, Pritham, Prasanna Kumar, B. Rajesh Darira, Rakesh Manickyam, R. Ravi, Sampath, Shreeraj and B.N. Shivakumar.

Technical Tour & Talk: H.S. Deepak, K.U. Ganapathi, M. Nikilesh and R. Ravi.

Overseas Tour Co-ordinators: S.I. Dinesh, K. Ravi, B. Jagadesh.

Cultural Committee: S. Umesh, Anupama Sriram and Vijaya Ashwin.

Outgoing Hon. Treasurer K.M. Raghunath handed over the accounts of the year 2024-25 to the incoming Hon. Treasurer S. Vasudevan. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by C.D. Krishna, Hon. Secretary. Ashwin R. Pallegar compered.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Calling II PUC exam reappearing students

To assist students reappearing for the 2nd Pre-University Course (PUC) exams, a study explores techniques such as meditation, and Pranic Healing aimed at improving focus, reducing distress and enhancing academic performance. The study will be held at the World Pranic Healing Foundation Research Centre, #44, 4th Main, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, on Apr. 16. Participants will engage in guided wellness activities over five weeks. There are no fees to participate. For details, contact Gayatri on Mob: 99160-02540 or Vinu on 89075-26671 or Srikanth on 99015-02828.

Ph.D awardee

Sreedevi Thejaswini has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Shringeri Talukina Shasanagala Samskrutika Adhyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M.G. Manjunatha.

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TODAY'S MATCH APRIL 15

PBKS Vs **KKR**

New PCA Stadium, New Chandigarh, **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH APRIL 16

DC Vs **RR**

Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi, **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

LSG 166/7 (20 overs)
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CSK 168/5 (19.3 overs)

Live telecast on:
Star Sports Network & JioHotstar

Illegal autos, toxic air: Citizens demand RTO accountability

Monthly meeting of Mysore Grahakara Parishat held

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (SPN&TRR)- Complaints mostly related to the Transport Department were raised at the monthly meeting of the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), held at its office on Vivekananda Road in Yadavagiri on Sunday.

Issues such as the illegal movement of sandalwood and ganja (marijuana) in Kerala-registered autos, drunken driving, environmental pollution, wheeling and the persistent menace of brokers at the RTO were discussed.

Dayanand Sagar, Convenor of MGP, highlighted the alarming levels of harmful vehicle emissions in the city and their direct impact on public health, urging the RTO to outline measures to curb this hazard.

In response, RTO official Manohar stated that 30-40 vehicles are being checked daily in Mysuru and emphasised that the growing use of battery-operated vehicles has helped reduce air pollution. The meeting also stressed the need for greater public awareness of mitigating environmental pollution.

Dinesh, President of the Yadavagiri Residents Welfare Association, raised concerns over the increasing presence of Kerala-registered vehicles in the city, alleging their involvement in illegal sandalwood and ganja transport.

He criticised the RTO for failing to take action. The RTO official clarified that out-of-state vehicles have a 45-day window to register locally but noted that many students from other States use these vehicles temporarily for education, leading to leniency on humanitarian grounds.

Members also brought up corruption in the RTO office regarding Learner's Licences (LLR) and Driving Licences (DL). The RTO officer advised applicants to approach officials directly, avoiding middlemen.

Attendees urged the RTO to cancel the licences of those involved in wheeling, increase awareness about mandatory emission tests and enforce stricter penalties — now raised from Rs. 500 to Rs. 5,000 for non-compliance.

They also recommended action against vehicles older than 15 years.

Among those present at the meeting were S.V. Ravishankar, Arun K. Subramanya, D. Bharatraj and Renu Agarwal.

Inter-College Hackathon based on IoT challenges held at MRIT

Mysuru Royal Institute of Technology (MRIT) team which bagged the second place in the Inter-College Hackathon, is seen with the dignitaries.

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (KS) - Mysuru Royal Institute of Technology (MRIT) had organised an Inter-College Hackathon at its premises recently which saw an enthusiastic turnout of over 180 participants from various engineering colleges across the city.

The hackathon featured IoT-based problem statements, covering diverse domains such as agriculture, healthcare and transportation solutions. Teams were given a limited time-frame to ideate, develop and present their prototypes to a panel of expert judges comprising industry professionals P.E. Rajesh, Principal Cloud Engineer, HPE, Mahesh Deginal, MD and CEO of Karunadu Technologies Private limited, N. Harish, CTO & Co-Founder of Karunadu Technologies Private limited, D. Rajendra Prasad, Senior Associate at Sealtabs and faculty members from the College.

The event was inaugurated by Nandini Narasimha Murthy, Secretary of MRIT and Dr. L. Ramalingaiah, Treasurer of MRIT, who emphasised the importance of innovation and teamwork in the ever-evolving tech landscape.

Dr. D.J. Ravi, Principal, Dr. K.S. Abhinandan, Vice-Principal, Dr. Lakshmi Durga, Head, Department of CSE and Allied branches extended their full support to the event.

Participants displayed remarkable creativity and problem-solving skills, with several projects demonstrating potential for real-world impact.

The hackathon concluded with an award ceremony, recognising top-performing teams for their innovation, technical approach and presentation skills.

Team from GSSS Institute of Engineering & Technology for Women (GSSSIETW) secured first place by winning a cash prize of Rs.15,000, Mysuru Royal Institute of Technology (MRIT) team secured second place and a cash prize of Rs.10,000 and teams from ATME College of Engineering (ATMECE), Mysore College of Engineering and Management (MyCEM), Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) were awarded consolation prizes with a cash prize of Rs. 2,000 each.

Girl goes missing

Preethi

T. Narasipur, Apr. 15 (KS)- An 18-year-old girl, who left her relative's house on Apr. 8, has since gone missing.

The missing girl is Preethi, daughter of Basavaraju of Benakanahalli. As she did not have her parents, she was staying at the house of a relative and had studied till SSLC, according to the complaint lodged by her relative Siddalingamurthy.

Those having any information about the missing girl may contact T. Narasipur Town Police Station.

Obituary

B.C. Manjula

Mysuru, Apr. 15 - B.C. Manjula (65), retired Kannada lecturer of Basudev Somani College and a resident of Vaghdevinagar, Bogadi South, 2nd Stage, passed away in Bengaluru yesterday.

She leaves behind her husband retired Professor of Bangalore University Prof. Rajappa Dalavai, son Maj. Bharati Nanda and a host of relatives and friends.

Her mortal remains will be kept at her residence in city from 8 am tomorrow (Apr. 16) for people to pay their respects followed by last rites at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

Felling of 40 trees on Hyder Ali Road

Candlelight vigil on Apr. 18; Activists vow legal battle

Parashurame Gowda, Founding Member of Parisara Balaga, addressing the meeting of environmental activists in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (MK&BCT)- Environmental organisations in Mysuru city have voiced strong opposition to the felling of 40 trees along Hyder Ali Road, from Kalikamba Temple to SP Office Circle, announcing a candlelight vigil on Apr. 18 (after 6 pm) to and an 11th-day death ceremony to mourn the loss of fully-grown and shade-giving trees.

Alongside this tribute, protesters plan to plant new saplings at the same place in a symbolic act of defiance and have unanimously resolved to pursue legal action against the Forest Department and Mysuru City Corporation officials responsible for the tree felling.

The decision was made during a meeting at Cheluvamba Park last evening, where more than 110 members representing 12 different organisations, including Parisara Balaga, Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), Team Mysore, the Mysuru unit of the People's Union for Civil Liberties, Team Mysuru Foundation and Let's Do It Mysuru, gathered.

Environmental activists emphasised that Mysuru's identity is deeply rooted in its lush greenery. They warned that unchecked urban expansion threatens to turn the city into a concrete jungle, demanding immediate intervention. They also formed a Struggle Committee comprising members of various organisations that participated in the meeting.

Saplings to be planted at the spot

"The indiscriminate cutting of trees for road widening must end here," declared the activists, calling for a united movement to halt further destruction. They insisted that saplings be planted precisely where the trees were removed and that no future tree felling occurs without approval from environmental groups.

Parashurame Gowda, Founding-Member of Parisara Balaga, invoked a recent Supreme Court observation that "cutting trees is worse than killing humans," demanding stringent punishment for those responsible.

Writer and activist Kusuma Ayarhalli likened the situation to "digging a well after a fire has broken out," stressing the need for decisive action to ensure even a single tree is not felled without rigorous scrutiny. She categorically opposed any road widening, insisting that trees must be replanted in their original locations.

Political pressure

Wildlife photographer Shailajesha criticised the Forest Department for granting permission without public consultation, citing political pressure over the past eight months. He echoed the demand for replanting and pledged legal action against the officials involved.

The proximity of the felled trees to biodiversity hotspots like Karanji Lake and Mysuru Zoo further fuelled outrage, with activists asserting that no tree should be cut without clearance from an environmental committee.

Retired Major General Sudhir Vombatkere highlighted regulatory failures, noting that mandatory public hearings were bypassed and that the Tree Committee no longer includes citizen representation.

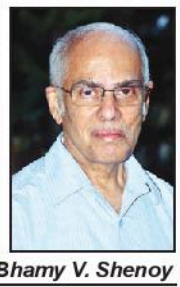
He called for a civic action plan to safeguard Mysuru's tree culture, integral to the city's heritage. Environmental enthusiast Saleem condemned the unnecessary road expansion, pledging to personally nurture saplings if they are replanted.

The movement has drawn support from diverse groups and individuals, including Ram Prasad and Manohar from Team Mysuru, Vishwanath from Mysore Grahakara Parishat, Advocate Thimmaiah, S.K. Dinesh from Yadavagiri Residents Welfare Association, Horeyala Doraiswamy from Parisara Balaga, Professor Kalachannegowda, Leela Shivakumar, Bhagya Shankar, Prabha Nandeesh, Mansoor Ahmad and Kamal Gopinath from PUCL, Sindhuhalli Akbar from the Samaja Rakshana Sene, Mahendra from the Yuva Brigade, Udeethgowda from Youth for Seva, Dinesh from the Arya Vysya Development Committee, Ganesh Prasad from Kannadada Kannadi, D.P.K. Paramesh from Mysuru Hridayavanta Kannadigara Balaga, Ravikeerthi from Mysuru Memes, Chetan and others.

Petition seeks intervention of National Green Tribunal

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (BCT)- In a petition to Justice Subash B. Adi, Chairman of the National Green Tribunal's (NGT) State-Level Committee, Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) leaders Bhamy V. Shenoy (Founding Working President) and S. Shobana (Working President) have demanded urgent intervention into the felling of 40 trees on Hyder Ali Road.

The petitioners raised critical questions: Did the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) conduct a cost-benefit analysis before approving the tree removal? Why did the Forest Department — which holds greater responsibility for reforestation and tree preservation — grant sanctions without justification?



Subash B. Adi Bhamy V. Shenoy

Notably, the Forest Department is often stringent when residents seek permission to remove hazardous trees, sometimes rightfully denying requests.

This incident, the petitioners argue, is not an isolated failure but part of a persistent pattern of negligence by MCC and the Forest Department in safeguarding Mysuru's green cover. "This time, however, the brazenness has crossed all limits of public tolerance," they stated.

"The invisible hand behind this senseless destruction remains a mystery," the petition reads, emphasising that no official in the Forest Department, Horticulture Wing, or MCC — many of whom the petitioners know personally — would independently sanction such an act.

The petitioners urged Justice Adi to conduct an immediate inquiry into the incident, uncover the decision-making chain and deter future violations through procedural scrutiny.

"Even if the culprits evade exposure, your inquiry alone can prevent such environmental murders hereafter," the petitioners urged, framing the NGT's role as crucial in upholding ecological justice.

'Mysuru officials have turned environmental adversaries'

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (MK&BCT)- During the meeting at Cheluvamba Park, Retired Major General Sudhir Vombatkere emphasised that under Article 51-A of the Constitution, it is every citizen's constitutional duty to protect the environment.

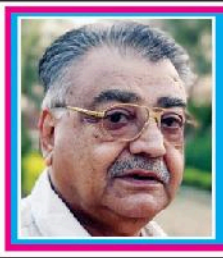
Vombatkere

Here, however, the officials themselves have engaged in anti-environmental activities, blatantly neglecting their responsibilities.

Gokul Govardhan of Team Mysuru stressed that, at times, a democratic system necessitates fierce struggles. He warned that by the time justice is achieved through legal battles, the very essence of trees may be lost.

He criticised the authorities not only for the covert felling of trees but also for uprooting and discarding planted saplings. He firmly called for intensified protests to hold these individuals accountable.

B.S. Prashanth of 'Let's Do It' Mysore, highlighted that Mysuru's charm is what enables businesses and livelihoods to thrive. It is the absence of fear among officials that has allowed them to cut down trees as they please. He urged for a united struggle and filing cases against such officials, dragging them to Court and ensuring they are punished.



Hocus-Pocus... Hocus-Pocus...

By K.B. Ganapathy

American dream buster Donald Trump strikes!

Donald Trump

America's history shall henceforth be divided into two new chronological periods in place of the old BC and AC (now CE). That is BT and AT. Let me help you. It means the period before Donald Trump (BT) and the period after Donald Trump (AT). Americans may forget Christ for calculating the period or designating years, era, and go for Trump era instead.

Why do I say this? Not because Trump is a friend of my Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The reason is the brave and decisive actions he is taking in the matter of foreign policy and internal administration — efforts to end war, curb nuclear proliferation, end ***illegal immigration,*** *regulate unfair practices in tariff etc.*

Yesterday's newspapers screamed ***'New spouses of US citizens and Green Card holders face tough checks.'*** *I was not surprised. I have written about this fraud by those who are chasing the great American dream in my book* ***"America - An Area of Light"*** *(1993).*

It is not the kind of dream that the civil rights leader Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. had for his country — I have a dream. This is a different kind of a dream — a dream to go to America and become a millionaire.

Earlier, the newly-wed spouses married to an American citizen or a Green Card holder could simply hop on to a flight and land on their dream land America — Heaven on earth, to go where one need not die but simply marry an American citizen or Green Card holder.

The sinister side of this American moth-eaten law was brought to my knowledge by my own American friend as long ago as 1992. In brief: My Indian friend of Mumbai days became an American citizen, wearing two hats — working on two jobs.

In time, he wanted to marry as he thought he was a bachelor described by Jane Austen in her novel ***'Pride and Prejudice'*** *— 'It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.'*

So he landed in Bengaluru and made his intention known to his people. Many came, saw him and sought time to decide. But one who was a Typist-Secretary in a small minor foreign Consular Office was too willing and in a hurry to embrace the American groom. So it was.

But alas, after a few months, she joined a lawyer's office and his marital bliss began to evaporate. Even before a year passed, she sought a divorce.

One morning he was reading the newspaper. His wife came near him drinking a cup of coffee. He looked at her and asked if she could prepare a cup of coffee for him. She gave him a stern, contemptuous look and said: 'I also work like you do. Go and make coffee for yourself.' Legal war for divorce was declared! According to my friend, the law in America in such cases is heavily loaded in favour of the wife. He lost all his savings and was living alone when I saw him.

Thus the America's humane visa policy that brought a man and woman together as husband and wife was set asunder by a cup of coffee leaving the husband a pauper.

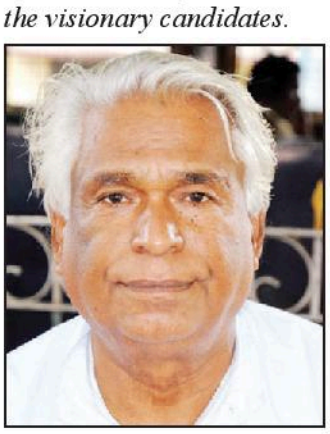
Heaven knows ex-CITB Chairman D. Madegowda

I have been a close witness to the growth and prosperity of Mysuru since 1975. As a journalist, I have covered critically the people, places and the transformation of a "Village City," as my Bengaluru friends would jokingly call it, into a city of over 12 lakh population with a Ring Road skirting it and its first and only Flyover.

City Improvement Trust Board (CITB), the quasi-governmental body, was providing house-sites and also low-cost houses in different layouts spread around the down-town area with beautiful names.

I have seen many Heads, known as Chairman of CITB before it was revamped and rechristened as Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) in the year 1988.

Among the Chairmen of CITB, I can with confidence and honesty say only three had rendered yeomen service to the house-less of the city — B.N. Kengegowda, who visualised D. Devaraja Urs Road, H. Kempegowda who gave us the Vishwa Manava Double Road in Kuvempunagar and D. Madegowda, who had provided over 25,000 house sites, many low-income houses, middle-income houses and high-income houses in a dozen layouts he created within a short period (1986 – 88) in Office. Such a one as he, lost the MLA election! When myopics vote, they cannot see the visionary candidates.



D. Madegowda

Ramanavami Music Patron K. Srikantiah

On reading my Abracadabra about K. Srikantiah in ***Star of Mysore*** *dated April 9, 2025, my friend K. Vijaya Kumar, former Jt. Director of Information & Publicity, has post-haste sent me a WhatsApp message narrating his experience with Srikantiah, a Patron of Music.*

It was 1975, 20th April and the first day programme was by the renowned Veena Maestro Chitti Babu.

K. Vijaya Kumar was travelling from Bengaluru to Mysuru in A/C first class train. Chitti Babu was with his Veena as his co-passenger. Chitti Babu was much perturbed about Srikantiah's Ramanavami concert that evening because there was a communication gap between him and Srikantiah. The result was that there was no vehicle waiting for Chitti Babu to take him to the concert venue.

Vijaya Kumar, being 'more loyal than the king' kind of a government servant (unlike the majority) immediately arranged a taxi and personally took him to the venue.

Of course, Srikantiah, known for his refined manners, thanked Vijaya Kumar profusely even as he heaved a sigh of relief. Grace of Lord Rama !

Veena Maestro Chitti Babu

President Murmu about her father's pious act

Droupadi Murmu

This one I got from WhatsApp that has gone viral. This real-life experience was told by our President Droupadi Murmu.

She lived in a village, Haryali, as a child. They used to cook food using dry wood for fire, brought home by her father. It was a dry log he would cut to pieces. ***And her father would offer a prayer to it seeking forgiveness as he was going to hurt it and then burn it.*** *When she asked her father why worship when it is an old, dry wood, the answer was unbelievable and humane.*

He told his daughter: "This old, dry wood has given us, all our life, flowers, fruits, fresh air and rain. And even now it is useful to us as firewood to cook our food. That's why before hurting it, I ask for forgiveness. I worship it and ask forgiveness."

Now contrast this humane, nay spiritual, quality of a tribal with the violent bestial quality of the urban man, nay manimal, who kills his own kind without remorse for frivolous religious or other untenable reasons. Perish the thought.

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Haj Camp-2025 on Apr. 21

MLA Tanveer Sait chairs District Haj Committee's preliminary meeting

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (KS)- The preliminary meeting of the District Haj Committee was held under the Chairmanship of MLA Tanveer Sait and Secretary of Phulwari Muslim Girls Orphanage, Ashoka Road, Abdul Azeez Chand, in city recently.

The meeting focused on arrangements for the upcoming Haj Camp-2025, including orientation and vaccination for pilgrims from the districts of Mysuru, Mandya, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar.

According to Abdul Azeez Chand, a total of 553 pilgrims will participate in this year's Haj — Mysuru district: 331 pilgrims; Mandya district: 62 pilgrims; Kodagu district: 116 pilgrims and Chamarajanagar district: 44 pilgrims.

Vaccination will be provided to all Haj-2025 pilgrims and a health certificate, which is mandatory for travel, will be issued.

The Haj Camp-2025 will be held on Apr. 21 at R.K. Palace Function Hall, near P&T Quarters Road in Udayagiri, under the Presidentship of Sir Khazi of Mysuru Moulana Mohammed Usman Shariff.

Abdul Azeez Chand also informed that Zulfiqar, Chairman of Karnataka State Haj Committee, along with other officials, will visit the camp.

Pilgrims are urged not to bring children or relatives to the camp.

Moulana Mohammed Zakaulla, Moulana Ayub Ansari, Anwar Baig, Mohamed Mumtaz Ahmed, Fayaz, Nisar Ahmed, Irfan, Moulana Khalid, Fazil Chand, Touseef, Asrar and Moulana Touseef were present.

For further details, contact Mob: 97417-89000.

CET on Apr. 16 & 17

Bengaluru, Apr. 15 (Agencies, RK&BS)- The Common Entrance Test (CET) for professional courses including Engineering will be conducted tomorrow (Apr. 16) and day after (Apr. 17) across the State, by Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA).

For outstation candidates and those from the border areas, the CET for Kannada language paper is being held today at five centres — Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Vijayapura and Belagavi.

On Apr. 16, the test will be conducted for Physics and Chemistry and on Apr. 17, Mathematics and Biology, in morning session from 10.30 am to 11.50 am and afternoon session from 2.30 pm to 3.50 pm.

According to KEA Executive Director H. Prasanna, unlike previous years, heightened security will be in place this year, with CET being conducted in 775 centres in the State. Apart from CCTV camera surveillance, the webcasting is also arranged to monitor the centres.

As many as 3.31 lakh candidates are appearing for the CET and have been informed in prior about the dress code, reporting time and other do's and don'ts related to the same.

ADGP in city

(Continued from page 1)

In a significant directive to Mysuru SP N. Vishnuvardhana and CEN staff, Mohanty stressed: "Our investigations must secure convictions without compounding victims' trauma. When examining bank transactions and fraud cases, ensure your procedures don't further harass those already suffering."

The ADGP highlighted concerning trends in cybercrime patterns, noting: "Despite widespread awareness, we're seeing highly educated individuals fall prey to trading scams and fake job schemes." He pressed investigators to stay updated on evolving cybercriminal tactics.

Addressing operational challenges, Mohanty discussed the complexities of tracing crimes originating from other States and foreign jurisdictions. To strengthen capabilities, he promised advanced detection software for the station to ensure proper investigation protocols and successful prosecutions. The review meeting saw participation from key officers including Additional SPs Nagesh and C. Mallik, Dy.SP Raghu, and CEN Inspector Sunil along with station staff.

'Meal of Hope - No One Sleeps Hungry'

Nakhsha Builders' new initiative

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (KS) - City's Nakhsha Builders, as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, has launched 'Meal of Hope - No One Sleeps Hungry' to ensure that everyone has access to food, with a goal of serving 50,000 plates in 365 days.

Harsha Melanta, Proprietor of Mysore Union, Vaidyanathan, Chartered Accountant and Vinay Shankar, CEO of Nakhsha, were present during the launch of the initiative recently.

This CSR initiative reflects Nakhsha's steadfast commitment to social responsibility and community welfare. It aims to make a lasting impact and ensure that hunger is no longer a concern for anyone in society.

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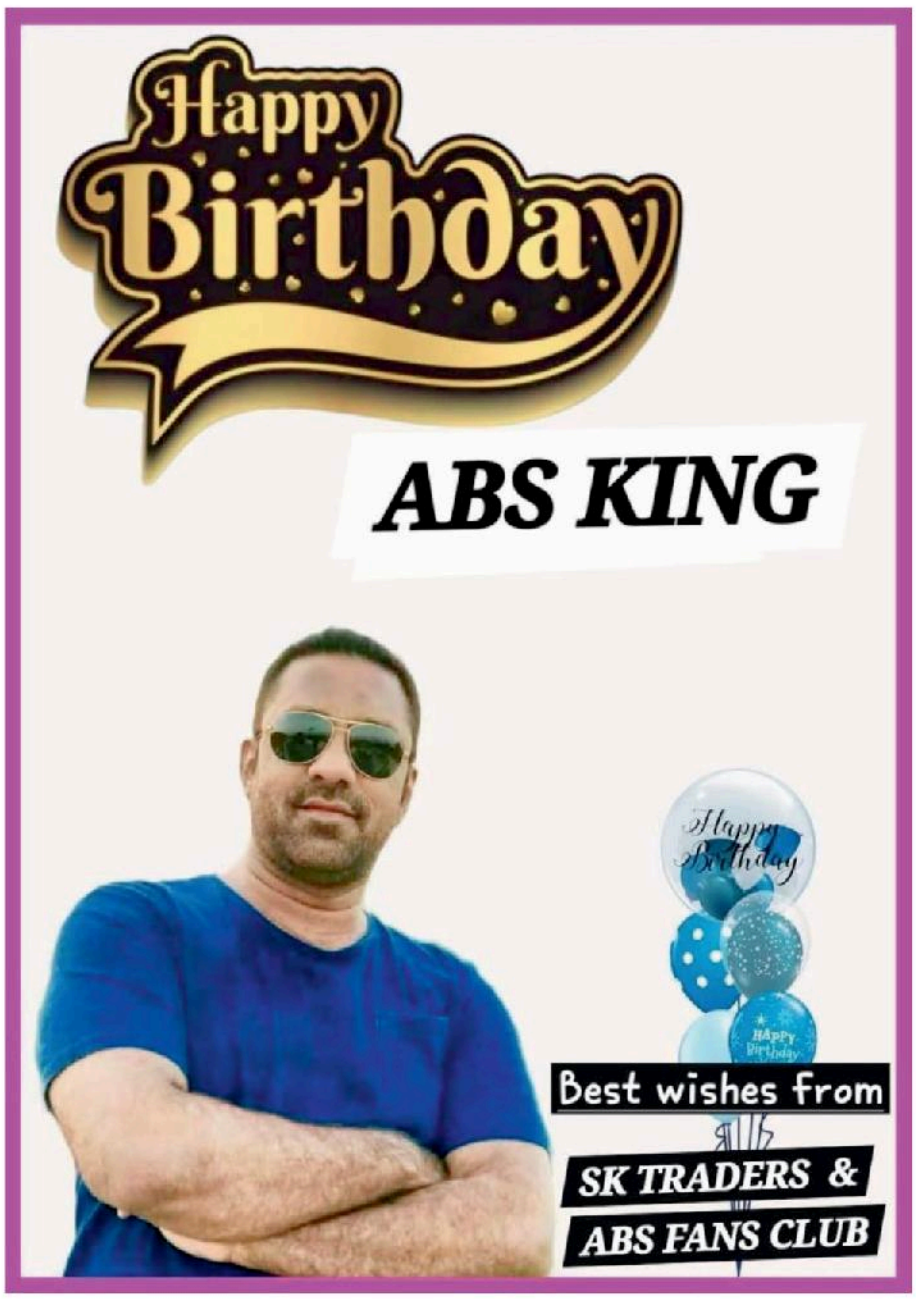

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135th Ramotsava of Ramabhyudaya Sabha: Day-7

Amalgam of technique and aesthetics with the strings

Vidushi Kanyakumari on violin and Ustad Arshad Khan on esraj presenting a jugalbandi concert at Alammana Choultry in Srirampet on Apr. 12. They are accompanied by Vid. K.V. Prasad on mridanga, Shivateja on violin and Pt. Rajendra Nakod on tabla. Picture below shows esraj instrument.

On Day-7 of the music series of Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha at Alammana Choultry in Srirampet, an unusual jugalbandi concert was presented by *Sangeeta Kalanidhi* **Vidushi Kanyakumari** (violin) and **Ustad Arshad Khan** (esraj) accompanied by **Vid. K.V. Prasad** on mridanga and **Pt. Rajendra Nakod** on tabla. **Shivateja,** one of the students of Kanyakumari, accompanied her on violin.

Esraj is a relatively recent instrument used in Sikh music, Rabindra Sangeet and Classical Music. It is a modern variant of dilruba, looks more like a sarangi, differing slightly in structure. Esraj is rested on the knee of the player or on the floor while sitting. Ustad Arshad Khan is a leading exponent of this rare stringed instrument and is so associated with the instrument that he is more known as Esraj Arshad Khan.

The first woman violinist to receive *Sangeeta Kalanidhi* from Madras Music Academy, Kanyakumari's violin playing is admired for many exceptional qualities like vocalism and innovation. Three generations of the brightest Karnatak violinists have trained under this one legend. I vividly remember attending her concerts accompanying MLV amma about 40 years ago.

The present concert was the first of its kind with these two great artistes performing a jugalbandi together. On this day, the 12th of April, three adorable concerts were arranged in Mysuru at different places and it was hard for the music lovers to decide where to go or which concert to attend.

It is a humble request to the concerned music organisations to see that grand concerts like these do not overlap on the same days. It is understandable that they are the Ramanavami events but as they spend heavily for each concert, it would be good to see the concerts attracting full hall to make them more successful. But when this happens the audience gets distributed.

Also music lovers/ connoisseurs are deprived of listening to the other two concerts though they very much want to. In view of this, it will be good if the concert series are arranged one after the other so that they do not clash.

The duo took up Hamsadhwani first in which they presented the very popular 'Vatapi GaNapatim bhaje' by Dikshitar. Then came Harikambhoji from Kanyakumari amma, who rendered a comprehensive alapana followed by 'RAma nannu brOvara' suffixed by energetic swaras with Shivateja. Rashid Khan played Yaman unhurriedly, bringing out the beauty of the raga with attractive phrases, unleashing a variety of bowing and fingering techniques.

The toast of the evening was the RTP in Keeravani. The raga and tanam in both the styles were enchanting to listen to. The lyrics of the pallavi were simple: 'RAma Sri RAma RaghuRAma SeethARAma' set to Adi tAla in two kalai. The pallavi was rendered in detail, with colorful swaras, both by the senior violinist and her disciple alternatively and on esraj in ragamalika. A grand taniyavartanam followed by senior mridangist K.V. Prasad and veteran tabla artiste Rajendra Nakod.

In the post-tani part, the duo played some catchy numbers. 'Raghupati RAghava RAjArAm' bhajan, 'SrinivAsa gOvinda Sri venkatEsha govinda' another popular bhajan on Lord Venkateshwara and the devaranama 'Venkatachala nilayam' by Sri Purandara dasaru with a short sketch of the raga Ganga created by the senior violinist inspired by the seven hills of Tirumala.

It was a rare treat to the audience but unfortunately people were scattered because of the other two grand concerts happening at the same time. And many of the listeners (like me) were found attending two of them, one after the other.

—Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

Vid. Abhishek Raghuram performs

at Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira

Vid. Abhishek Raghuram performing at Ganavisharadha Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira on Narayana Shastri Road in city on Apr. 13 as part of 109th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival. He is accompanied by Vidu. H.M. Smitha on violin, Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata. Picture right shows a section of audience.

Lack of life skills in education rued

Wildlife photographer Krupakar inaugurates Rangayana's Chinnara Mela

The dignitaries and children participating in the Chinnara Mela taking oath, during the inauguration of the month-long summer camp, coinciding with the birth anniversary celebration of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of Indian Constitution, at Vanaranga, Rangayana premises in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (PM&BS)- Noted wildlife photographer Krupakar (of Krupakar-Senani duo) expressed his regret over the children not being taught about the art of leading a life in the present education system.

He was speaking after inaugurating Chinnara Mela, the annual summer camp organised by Rangayana at its Vanaranga open air theatre, by offering floral tributes to the portrait of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, to mark the birth anniversary of the latter yesterday.

Krupakar said, it seems there is a lack of sensitivity in the education system, as the children since LKG are forced to carry the burden of loads of books on their back like a coolie. Given the age of the kids, it is indeed a huge burden, as they lack maturity to understand, considering the still developing stage of their brain.

"Considering the current education system, the students can answer only if they learn by heart (Rote Learning). However, it is a wasteful exercise. In Japan, the education system is such that, there won't be academics-based teaching for up to 10 years, but still the country is not lagging. They are ahead of others in patriotism, talent, achievement among several other fields to name a few," said Krupakar.

In Germany and Europe, the students are taught at their nascent level of schooling about how to maintain cleanliness of the campus, toilet and surrounding environment. To supplement, they are also taught about socialisation and accountability. The students in Germany are practically taught about following the traffic rules at signal points, a direct teaching method considered as very much essential in life.

Nowadays, people are swayed over by the influence of social networking sites, becoming completely unaware of their surroundings. Moreover, the method of classifying children as intelligent and unintelligent is wrong. In the developed countries, the teachers groom the students in latter's chosen area of interest. In our country, one wants to be educated for the sake of securing a job, thus becoming a country that produces 'Qualified Workers,' rued Krupakar.

A total of 350 children have enrolled for Chinnara Mela, that will be conducted up to May 10 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Naturalist K. Manu, Member of Karnataka Nataka Academy Dr. M.A. Zaheeda, Camp Director Anil Revoora, Member of Ranga Samaja H.S. Suresh Babu, Joint Director of Kannada and Culture V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Director of Rangayana Satish Tiptur, Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, AHINDA leader Javarappa, Coordinator of Chinnara Mela Arsikere Yoganand and others were present.

Kid taming jumbo, a true talent!

Most of the parents rate the intelligence of their kid by the way of operating the cell phone. It is a tiny device and anybody can learn the way of operating it. In Mudumalai and Bandipur forests, a eight-year-old boy tames the wild tusker, which can be called true skill & talent, said Krupakar.

D.T. Prakash, Dr. K.V. Lakshmidevi elected as district representatives of Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha

Mysuru, Apr. 15 (SBD&TRR)- D.T. Prakash, President of City and District Brahmins Association and Dr. K.V. Lakshmidevi, President of Vipra Mahila Sangama, were elected as the Mysuru District Representatives of Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha.

The elections were held for the posts of State President and Mysuru District Representatives of the Mahasabha at Bhagini Samaja premises in Krishnamurthypuram here on Sunday from 8 am to 4 pm.

Out of 4,068 voters in the district, 1,831 cast their votes. Information about votes polled by the candidates for State President were sent to the Central Election Officer, Bengaluru. Later, counting for District Representatives were held.

D.T. Prakash and Dr. K.V. Lakshmidevi, who were felicitated on being elected as the District Representatives of Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha, seen with their supporters.

There were 7 candidates for the 2 posts of District Representatives. Of these, Dr. K.V. Lakshmidevi, who polled 808 votes and D.T. Prakash 635 votes were declared elected. Other candidates Kalkere Nagaraj polled 555 votes while Satyanarayana 527, Jagadish Kumar 472, Bhagyashree 384 and Prematanaya Srinivas secured 38 votes.

Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Society Parvathamma was the Election Officer and G.N. Shivaramaiah supervised the election. Bhanuprakash and Raghunath are in the race of State President and the result for this is being awaited.

After the announcements of the results, the newly elected District Representatives were greeted by community leaders including Mahasabha State Vice-President N. Srikantakumar, former Corporator M.D. Parthasarathy, Hoysala Karnataka Sangha President K.R. Satyanarayana, Brahmana Yuva Vedike President H.N. Sridharamurthy, Gen. Secretary Vikram Iyengar, Ajay Shastri and others.

WORD OF THE DAY

Druthers

Pronunciation: DRUH-therz (noun plural) Meaning: Druthers is an informal word that refers to the power or opportunity to choose—in other words, free choice. It is used especially in the phrase if one had one's druthers.
Origin: Nowadays, you're much more likely to encounter the plural noun druthers than its singular forebear, but that wasn't always the case. Druther, an alteration of "would rather" in some U.S. English dialects, first appeared in writing in the late 1800s. "Any way you druther have it, that is the way I druther have it," says Huck to Tom in Mark Twain's Tom Sawyer, Detective (a sequel to the more famous Adventures of Tom Sawyer, which also included the word druther). This example of metanalysis (the shifting of a sound from one element of a phrase to another) had been around for some time in everyday speech when Twain put those words in Huck's mouth. By then, in fact, druthers had also become a plural noun, so Tom could reply, "There ain't any druthers about it, Huck Finn; nobody said anything about druthers," though druthers didn't overtake druther in popularity (at least in print) until the mid-1900s.
Example: "If I had my druthers, if I made the sequel to 'Companion,' it would just be a shot of her on the side of the road, cutting out her tracking chip and then cutting to her on a farm with a couple of million dollars." — Drew Hancock, quoted in Variety, 1 Feb. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Hootenanny

An informal gathering with folk music.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Bats in the Belfry

Meaning: You use the expression "Bats in the Belfry" to indicate that someone is acting eccentric or crazy.
Origin: Although the phrase "Bats in the Belfry" has a very old-fashioned ring to it, the term originated in late 19th or early 20th century in America. A very early example comes from an October 1900 edition of an Ohio newspaper called *The Newark Daily Advocate:* "To his hundreds of friends and acquaintances in Newark, these puerile and senseless attacks on Hon. John W. Casssingham are akin to the vapourings of the fellow with a large flock of bats in his belfry."
Example: 'Wanda has bats in the belfry; she seems to think that the mailman is trying to steal her cat!'

QUOTE BOX

Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower. **—Steve Jobs**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

LONG
DEW

Answer: Long overdue.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Father or daddy
4 Different "sale" gets you the girl?
8 ___ short: disparage or underestimate?
12 Spoil
13 A very small brook; a rivulet
14 It fits to _ ___ : it fits perfectly? (1,3)
15 Gaunt
17 Young female
18 Milk supplier
19 The idiot box (2,3)
20 Of the ear
22 Unearthly
24 Ridicules
26 Have regrets
27 Ms. West of Hollywood fame?
30 Becomes interested or aroused, in a way? (4,2)
32 Use an eraser (3,3)
34 1000 litres in short
35 Tear or split open
37 Five as a prefix?
38 Wanderer
40 Take in
41 Battleground
44 Greek fabulist
46 Volcanic substance
47 Symbolic story
50 Utilizes
51 South Africa's Hashim ____
52 Let sleeping dogs ___?
53 Netting
54 Call to attract attention
55 Hither's partner

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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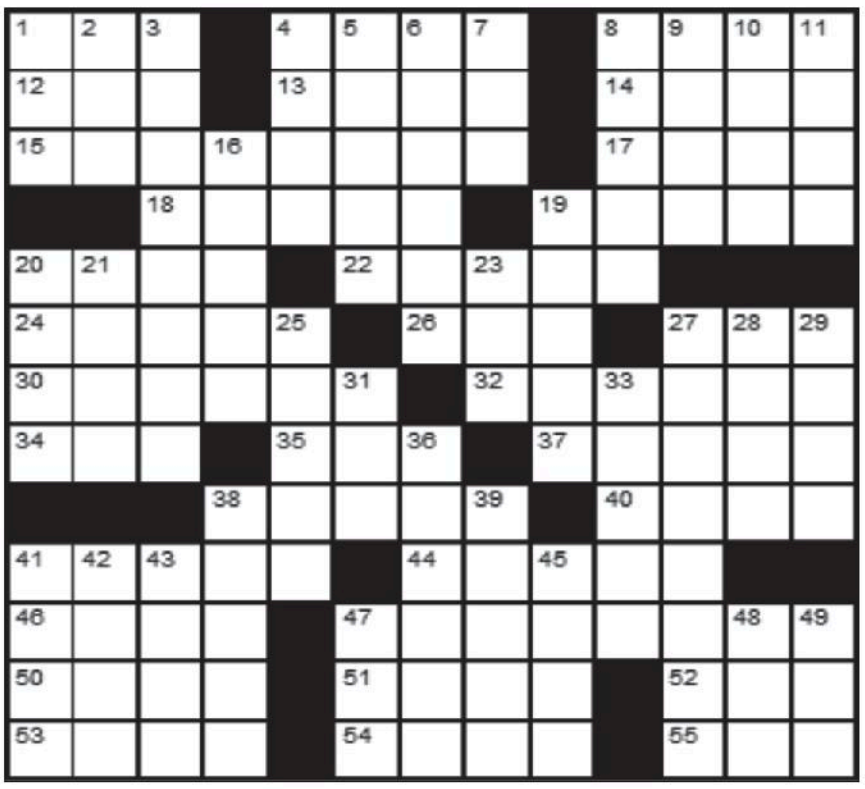
DOWN

1 Modi, Nehru, etc
2 Sturdy tree
3 Prognosticates or forecasts
4 Able was I, ___ ___ saw Elba ? (3,1)
5 Liquid measure - especially for milk or petrol or oil?
6 One who kills
7 The entirety
8 Balm or lotion
9 Greek letters - "seat" changed?
10 ___ majesty : treason toward the king or country ?
11 For the fear that
16 Deficiencies
19 Fasten with cord? (3,2)
20 City on the Irtysh
21 Drudgery or tedium?
23 Drama by Karel Capek, which introduced robots
25 Hindu sun-god
27 An exclusive ownership
28 A prefix mean "self" or "same" or "by itself"?
29 And others, abbreviated, in Latin (2,2)
31 Small seed
33 Confuse or obscure
36 Sacred songs
38 Grind
39 Shouts
41 An astringent
42 Burn to ground
43 Evenings for poets
45 Bench or pew
47 Assoc. of Amer. Publishers
48 River, to Juanita
49 Currency of Japan



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Answer to previous puzzle

8	1	6	7	2	5	9	3	4
2	9	7	1	3	4	8	5	6
4	3	5	9	6	8	1	7	2
9	4	8	2	7	6	5	1	3
5	2	1	4	8	3	6	9	7
7	6	3	5	1	9	4	2	8
6	5	4	3	9	2	7	8	1
3	7	9	8	4	1	2	6	5
1	8	2	6	5	7	3	4	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VUTFDZTVZV VLI RF LJF RSLZ RF FLZ. DXZV CXVZ

NF L UBCCBDFJ GTFZ ZSLD RF SLG ZSBXPSZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: R EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: So long as we have enough people in this country willing to fight for their rights, we'll be called a democracy.

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Jack (Konchem Krack) (Te)	(S-2)	1.20 pm, 4.15 pm
Agnyathavasi (K)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Bazooka (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
The Amateur (E)	(S-3)	10.40 am, 7.15 pm
Jaat (H)	(S-3)	4.10 pm; (S-4) 9.55 pm
Vidyapti (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 7.05 pm
Vaamana (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 4.15 pm

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Vidyapati (K)	:	10.45 am, 4.15 pm, 6.45 pm
L2: Empuraan (K)	:	12.40 pm
Manada Kadalu (K)	:	1.15 pm
Alappuzha Gymkhana (Ma)	:	4 pm
Bazooka (Ma)	:	6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Maranamass (Ma)	:	9.15 pm

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Jaat (H)	:	10.15 am, 1.40 pm, 4.15 pm, 10.15 pm
Good Bad Ugly (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10, 7.05 pm 10 pm
Jack (Konchem Krack) (Te)	:	10.25 am, 1.25 pm, 7.25 pm
Alappuzha Gymkhana (Ma)	:	10.45 am, 7.35 pm
Vaamana (K)	:	11 am, 6.45 pm
Agnyathavasi (K)	:	11.30 am, 4.50 pm
The Amateur (E)	:	1.15 pm, 9.45 pm
A Minecraft Movie (E-3D)	:	1.50 pm
Dog Man (E)	:	2.10 pm, 7.30 pm
Sikandar (H)	:	4 pm
Vidyapati (K)	:	4.05 pm, 9.35 pm
Bazooka (Ma)	:	4.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Kaiju No.8 (Japanese)	:	6.55 pm
Akaal (Punjabi)	:	9.30 pm

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Good Bad Ugly (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 4 pm 4.40 pm, 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Vaamana (K)	:	10.05 am, 9.40 pm
Vidyapati (K)	:	11.25 am, 7.35 pm
Jaat (H)	:	12.50 pm, 6.50 pm
Bazooka (Ma)	:	12.55 pm
Agnyathavasi (K)	:	2.05 pm, 7 pm
The Amateur (E)	:	4.05 pm
Jack (Konchem Krack) (Te)	:	4.45 pm 10.15 pm
Maranamass (Ma)	:	10 pm

Joyalukkas' Grand New Showroom inaugurated at Koramangala

Joyalukkas, the world's favourite jeweller, opened its grand new showroom at Koramangala in Bengaluru recently. Picture shows Ramalinga Reddy (Minister of Transport & Muzrai Department, Government of Karnataka) cutting the ribbon to inaugurate the showroom as Rahim Khan (Minister of Municipal Administration & Haj Department, Government of Karnataka), Mohammed Rizwan Nawab (Vice-Chairman of KSRTC), Mohammed Rihan Nawab (CEO, Emmar Properties), Joy Alukkas (Chairman of Joyalukkas Group), Jolly Joy Alukkas, John Paul Alukkas, Antony Jos, Thomas Mathew, Elsa Joy Alukkas, customers and other dignitaries look on.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 15)

- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust:** 135th Sri Ramotsava Sangeetotsava, Discourse on Ramayana by Ramachandra, retd. Engineer, Rama Mandira, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Vidu. Amritha Murali will present a vocal concert with Vid. R.K. Shriramkumar on violin, Vid. Arun Prakash on mridanga and Vid. Bhargava Halambi on kanjira; Dr. M.A. Shekar, VC, Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences, felicitates violinist Vid. R.K. Shriramkumar from Chennai will be feted on being selected for this year's Sangeeta Kalanidhi Award, Alammana Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Mysuru Branch (SIRC):** 10th Study Circle Meeting, CA V. Abhishek speaker, Rotary Centre, JLB Road, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Ganavisharadha Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, Mysuru:** 109th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, vocal recital by Vidu. Bhargavi Venkatram, accompanied by Vid. H.K. Venkatram on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Mandira premises, Narayana Shastri Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 72nd Sri Ramotsava, violin recital by Kushal, Bengaluru, accompanied by Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 16)

- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 135th Sri Ramotsava celebrations Sangeetotsava-2025, Sri Rama Pattabhisheka, **9.30 am;** Abhisheka and Archana, Gamaka Vachana by Vasantha Venkatesh and Vyakhyana by K. Ramachandra, Mangalarati, **12.30 pm.** Prasada Viniyoga, Rama Mandira, **1 pm;** Vocal concert by Vidu. M.R. Sudha from Mysuru, Alammana Choultry, Srirampet, **6 pm.**
- **Ganavisharadha Sri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, Mysuru:** 109th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, Sri Rama Pattabhisheka, **10 am onwards;** Kathakalakshepa (Harikatha) by the renowned Vidu. Vishaka Hari on the theme Rāma Nee samānamevaru, accompanied by Vidu. Chinmayi on violin, Vid. Vijay Natesan on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata, Mandira premises, Narayana Shastri Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 72nd Sri Ramotsava, Sri Hanumantotsava, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, **6 pm.**

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Vaamana (K)	:	11.20 am, 4.45 pm, 10 pm
The Amateur (E)	:	11.25 am, 5 pm
Vidyapati (K)	:	1.40 pm, 7.30 pm
Agnyathavasi (K)	:	2.10 pm, 7.45 pm
Jack (Konchem Krack)	:	2.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Alappuzha Gymkhana (Ma)	:	7.35 pm
Bazooka (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

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Good Bad Ugly (Ta)	:	10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 4.40 pm 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Agnyathavasi (K)	:	11.05 am, 7.45 pm
Jaat (H)	:	1 pm, 6.50 pm
Alappuzha Gymkhana (Ma)	:	1.30 pm, 4.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Vidyapati (K)	:	4.10 pm, 10 pm
Maranamass (Ma)	:	7.15 pm
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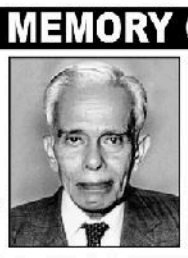

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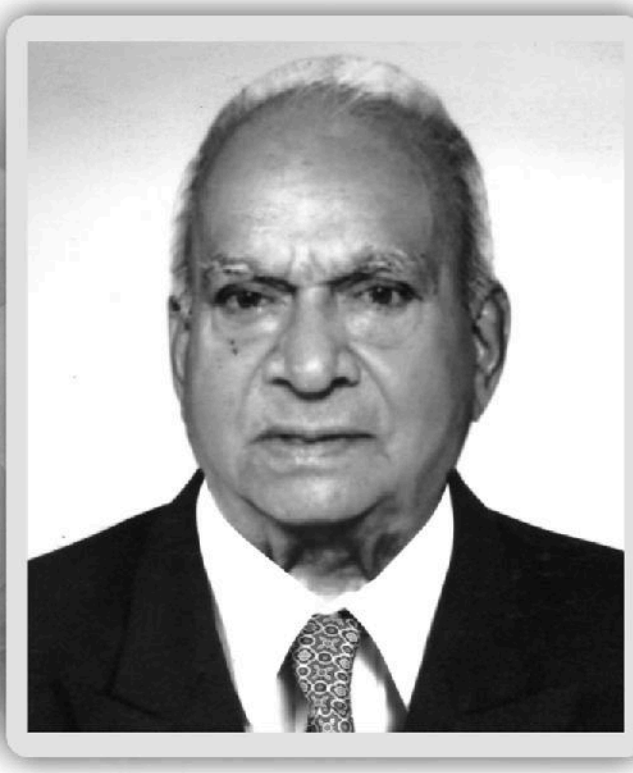

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